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coming events...

SCOTT SYMONS author of Place d'Armes and Civic Square

Friday, February 26, 1971

VANIER AUDITORIUM

8:00 p.m.

topic: CHRISTIANITY versus CANADIANITY
EUCHARIST, ORGASM & Us.

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Brief Biography of Scott Symons

Born July 13, 1933, Toronto, of Loyalist stock, son of Major Harry Symons (author and gentle man) and grandson of Wm. Perkins Bull (author and rogue male). Married (between novels) and one son.

Education at home with five brothers, one sister
at farm with 378 chickens, two goats, three dogs, 17 pheasants . . .
at Pointe au Baril, Georgian Bay, for many summermoons as caddy at Banff
as Cadet in RCN (erstwhile)
in wine harvests at Margaux
and by listening copiously to Edmund Cohu, Andy Lockhart, Donald Creighton, Philip Child, F. R. Leavis, Doris Krook, Uncle Tom, Owen Channon, Gabriel Marcel, Charles Moeller, Jean-Louis Gagnon, André Laurendeau, George Spendlove . . .

Certificates—Trinity College School
Trinity College, Toronto (B.A., History)
King's College, Cambridge (Gentleman's
M.A. in Englit)
Sorbonne (Diploma for foreigners)
9½ scholarships (total: \$5021.08)

Journalism—Toronto Telegram (fired for insubordination)
Quebec Chronicle Telegraph
La Presse, Le Nouveau Journal, Montreal
Montreal Men's Press Club Award
Bowater Award for series on the French Canadian Revolution (1961: turned down by 13 English Canadian newspapers as "irrelevant", "unnews-worthy" etc.)

Academicity—Curator of the Sigmund Samuel Canadiana Gallery, Royal Ontario Museum (of the Multiversity of Tranta)
and Assistant Prof. in Fine Art (after Canadian Art became a National Duty)
—fired for insubordination (told Director he was a eunuch)
Research Associate, Winterthur; consultant at the Smithsonian; post-graduate course at the Univ. of Pennsylvania.
Scholarly and Learned Publications: Nil.

Writing—two good bad plays, 20 vols. of wildly pertinent diaries, two novels of which this the first, and the second on Toronto finished.

Status—A Para-Canadian, released from any allegiance to the Canadian State but obsessively devoted to the Canadian Nation.

Future—Stormy.

Mr. Symons' visit to Loyola is sponsored by the English Department.

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